

# \$150,000 Blaze Hits Rico Acid Plant

A fire roared through the sulphuric acid plant of Rico-Argentine Mining Co., Rico, Colo., Saturday night causing more than \$150,000 in damage. But it will not interfere with acid production, Sherman B. Hinckley, Salt Lake City, president of the company, said Sunday.

RICO-ARGENTINE has pyrite concentrates stored in sufficient quantity to carry its sulphuric acid unit forward for several months, Mr. Hinckley explained.

Rico-Argentine Mining Co., is controlled by the Hogle interests of Salt Lake City.

THE BLAZE broke out about 8 p.m. Saturday and raged out of control for several hours before fire-fighters brought it under control.

Destroyed were electric

motors, conveyors, storage bins and other equipment, but the main portion of the plant was saved. No one was injured.

LEAD, SILVER and zinc operations of the mining firm were not affected by the fire, Mr. Hinckley said.

Firemen from Telluride, Dolores, and Cortez, Colo.,

joined Rico fire-fighters in battling the blaze. The plant manufactures sulphuric acid from ore obtained from a mine about one mile away.

THE ACID is used in several uranium milling operations in southwestern Colorado, including the big uranium mill at Durango.

## Heat Pad Gets Fire Blame

An overheated electric heating pad was blamed for a fire Sunday at 5:37 p.m. that caused \$2,500 damages to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Floor, 1067 Buccaneer St. (1180 West).

THE BLAZE started in the

central bedroom and spread to other parts of the dwelling before it was discovered.

Cathy Kinder, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Kinder, 1081 Buccaneer St., discovered the blaze as she rode by in an automobile driven by her father.

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